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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.  
Petition for Waiver of Sections 20.12(c) and 52.31(a)(2) of the  
Commission's Rules  
CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-1 16; WT Docket No. 01-184  
Supplement to Ex Parte Presentation - Bi-Monthly Status Report Pursuant  
to Petition for Waiver

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 22, 2003, Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless") jointly submitted their first bi-monthly status report pursuant to a Petition for Waiver jointly filed by the companies seeking temporary extension of the requirement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers to support roaming with customers with pooled numbers, as set forth in Section 20.12(c) and 52.31(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules (CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-1 16; WT Docket No. 01-184). A facsimile copy of the report was submitted. Enclosed please find the original bi-monthly status report for Pine Belt Wireless.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Its Attorney

Attachment

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**PINE BELT PCS, INC. AND PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC.  
BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR WAIVER  
OF REQUIREMENT FOR CMRS PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT ROAMING FOR  
CUSTOMERS WITH POOLED NUMBERS**

January 22, 2003

On November 22, 2002, Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless.") filed a Petition for Waiver seeking temporary extension until November 23, 2003, of the requirement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers to support roaming with customers with pooled numbers ("Petition"). The Petition is currently pending before the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

In its Petition, Pine Belt Wireless commits to providing the Commission with bi-monthly status reports during the temporary extension period. To this end, Pine Belt Wireless is in the process of gathering specific information to provide data regarding the probable result of a waiver grant, including

- PSAP procedure in handling dropped calls.
- percentage of roaming traffic that comes from the company's major [roaming partners serving markets in the top 100 MSAs; and
- the extent to which the company's major roaming partners mirror the Mobile Identification Number ("MIN") and the Mobile Directory Number ("MDN") (resulting in full call back information being provided to the PSAP).

Due to the intervening holiday period, turnover in PSAP staff and company employee absences, however, these data-collecting efforts have been delayed. Accordingly, Pine Belt Wireless herein provides a report of its progress to date and commits to providing the Commission with such data as soon as possible, and in any event, such data is available by February 27, 2003.

In its Petition, Pine Belt Wireless reported that for the past two years, it has been diligently seeking funding for necessary software upgrades and other system improvements, part of which will allow Pine Belt Wireless to implement the "MIN/MDN" Standard to support roaming of customers with pooled numbers. Pine Belt Wireless herein reports that it continues to have promising indications from a major lender, but has yet to receive official notice regarding such funding. As demonstrated in the Petition, without assurance of proper funding, Pine Belt Wireless cannot execute a purchase order with its vendor to make the requisite upgrades.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Petitions for Extension of the Deadline for Support of Roaming by Wireless End-Users with Ported or Pooled Numbers: Public Notice*, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-200; WT Docket No. 01-184; DA 03-148 (rel. Jan. 16, 2003) (FCC seeking comment on Pine Belt Wireless' petition).

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As noted in its Petition, to the extent necessary, Pine Belt Wireless also requests waiver or temporary extension of the Commission's requirement for carriers to deliver valid call back numbers to the four Public Safety Answering Points ("**PSAPs**") in the areas where it is providing Phase I enhanced 911 ("E911") services. Pine Belt Wireless was the first wireless carrier to begin providing Phase I E911 service to these **PSAPs**. The company reports that it has contacted three of the four PSAPs in its licensed area alerting them to the possible delivery of inaccurate call back numbers for roamers with pooled numbers and has attempted to contact the fourth

Pine Belt Wireless also reports that it is in the process of contacting its major roaming partners to seek to estimate the frequency to which the PSAPs would receive incorrect call back numbers from roamers with pooled numbers during the transition period. One of these partners has informed Pine Belt Wireless that it will continue to mirror the MIN and MDN for an unspecified period of time. Accordingly, until this carrier changes this procedure, for roamers of this carrier that have pooled numbers, each of the four affected **PSAPs** will receive the correct call back number since the MIN that will be transmitted to the **PSAP** will be identical to the subscriber's mobile phone number. Pine Belt Wireless is awaiting information from the other two major roaming partners regarding their number pooling procedures

No further developments have occurred since the date Pine Belt Wireless filed the Petition

Respectfully Submitted,



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